MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government note the information.

(*b*) There are already circular orders in force that all Heads of Departments should, consistently with efficiency, qualifications, etc., show special consideration to the members of the Mahomedan and other communities which are backward in point of education.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware as to how far the Heads of Departments were following the orders referred to?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government will enquire.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Have the officers concerned submitted the explanation called for in the order R. Dis. No. 458/25/G. A. dated, Trivandrum, the 27th April, 1925?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Infringement of Easements by the Auction of Portions of Backwaters.

25. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that, in the disposal by Government of large portions of the backwaters by auction sales, etc., to private owners, the casements of neighbouring land-owners to waterway to their lands, to availability of brackish water from the lake for soaking cocoanut husks, to drainage of water from the fields to the lake through water-channels, etc., which they have been enjoying from time immemorial, are being infringed in several cases?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to do the needful for remedying such infringements of the legitimate rights of the people and to prevent such infringements in future?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No such instances have come to the notice of Government. The rules applicable contain safeguarding provisions.

(*b*) If specific cases are brought to notice, they will be examined.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): As regards part (*a*), will the Government kindly ask the Tahsildars to enquire and report whether any easements have been infringed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer to part (*b*) says that, if specific cases are brought to notice, they will be examined, and no such cases have yet come up.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): The people do not know the law of easements. So, will the Government be pleased to ask the Tahsildars to report on the matter in the different taluks where these backwaters are being registered.

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : It will be considered.

Copy of the Medical Stores Rules for the Council Library.

26. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to place in the Legislative Council Library a copy of the "Rules for the conduct of work in the General Medical Stores" ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : A copy of the Rules for the conduct of work in the General Medical Stores has been placed in the Legislative Council Library.

Claims of Mr. P. A. Krishna Pillai for a Sirkar Vakil's Post.

27. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : (*a*) Are the Government aware that Mr. P. A. Krishna Pillai, B. A., B. L., High Court Vakil, Alleppey, has acted many times as Sirkar Vakil within the last few years ?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state why they overlooked his claims in the recent appointments to Sirkar Vakil's post ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes ; three times.

(*b*) Government are not prepared to discuss with the member the claims of individuals to particular appointments.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know whether Mr. P. A. Krishna Pillai was an applicant for the post of a Sirkar Vakil at the time of the appointment ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : He was.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Then, may I know why his claims were overlooked ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The answer is contained in the answer to part (*b*).

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Was he found unfit ?

PRESIDENT : I am afraid we cannot go into personal matters.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Is it not an injustice done to him ?

PRESIDENT : We cannot discuss personal matters.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAY (*Ambalapuzha*) : May I know whether I am at liberty to put a supplementary question ? I was not here when my question was called out.

PRESIDENT : I will allow you to put a supplementary question.

Stray Cattle on the Kalpalakkadavu Road.

28. MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any one in charge of the public road from the Fort to the Beach in Trivandrum, as contemplated in Section 11 of the Cattle Trespass Regulation ? If so, who is the officer ?

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